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Application No. GR000212022_23 From Dr John Wei

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Grant report

Instructions

Thank you for completing your funded initiative.

This form will be placed on our website for transparency and enables us to understand and share the work you have done through this grant.

Please complete and submit this form no later than the date stipulated in your funding agreement. If you cannot meet the deadline, contact us to arrange an alternative date by emailing funding@internetnz.net.nz. You may not be eligible to apply for further grants from InternetNZ if this is not submitted.

The completion of this form should be overseen by someone with intimate knowledge of the funded mahi.

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Grant initiative update

Initiative title *

Online Abuse of PM Jacinda Ardern and President Tsai Ing-wen

Provide a short summary of the work that was completed as part of this initiative.

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This project was initially conceived as part of a large, multi-year academic study on online news media and social media treatment/mistreatment of former NZ Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen, mostly during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The purpose of this study was to comparatively examine the role of online media in gendered leadership and pandemic response, with a focus on potential fake news, disinformation, and hate speech targeting the female head of the state in Aotearoa and Taiwan, respectively.

Along with the progression of the study and building on our earlier collections of domestic online news articles respectively from NZ and Taiwan, we have decided to focus this part of the project on international online news media to develop a broader and more complete understanding of how Ardern and Tsai have been treated and portrayed in online news, so as to add an international dimension to our collections of domestic online news reports. Meanwhile, social media will be investigated during the next stage of this study in future. This change was approved by InternetNZ.

The funding from InternetNZ was used to hire two part-time Research Assistants (RAs) with relevant cultural/linguistic knowledge and postgraduate-level research skills in relevant fields to collect online news articles that cover Ardern and Tsai from international news outlets, starting from the United States and extending to the United Kingdom, given the large number of news media in these countries.

The two RAs collected the data using several online newspaper databases provided by the University, plus individual news websites, to cover major online news outlets from the selected countries. They also manually reviewed and selected relevant news articles to exclude short, routine news updates and focus instead on those with sufficient discussions

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and portrayals of Ardern or Tsai, respectively.

The data collection was carried out on a part-time basis and completed by the two RAs from Nov 6 to Dec 15, 2023. Data coding and analysis will be carried out later by the Principal Investigator.

Describe the "who, what, where and when" of your initiative.

Is this initiative complete? *

Yes No

If your initiative is still in progress, select "no."

What are the outcomes of this initiative? *

The two Research Assistants collected 150 international online news articles covering former PM Jacinda Ardern and 383 international online news articles covering Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen.

These sets of data have been added to our earlier collections of domestic online news articles from Aotearoa and Taiwan, which will be used for subsequent research and analysis.

The data were collected and stored using EndNote libraries, and the datasets are available upon request.

Describe major achievements resulting from this grant.

Which population group/s were affected by this project or program? *

Age groups > Children and youth (age 0-17) > Adolescents (people aged 13-17)

Age groups > Adults (people aged 18+) > People aged 18-25

Gender groups > Females

Work status and occupations > Academics > Researchers

Work status and occupations > Activists

Please choose only the group/s that were at the very core of this project/program.

If you have any supporting documentation, you can share it below.

This could include photos, surveys, feedback, your evaluation plan, published research or annual report.

Remember this report will be placed on our website for transparency.

Upload files:

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Financial report

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Budget

Provide details of funds received and spent in relation to this grant.

Income	\$	Expenditure	\$
InternetNZ	\$10,000.00	RA salaries	\$9,953.08
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$

Budget Totals

Total Income Amount

\$10,000.00

This number/amount is calculated.

Total Expenditure Amount

\$9,953.08

This number/amount is calculated.

Income - Expenditure

\$46.92

This number/amount is calculated.

Have you experienced any issues with your intended budget? If so, please explain reasons for any major variances or for providing incomplete information:

No.

Feedback

You are almost at the end of your final report. Before submitting, please take a few moments to provide some feedback.

Please tell us how you found the reporting process:

Very easy Easy Neutral Difficult Very Difficult

How many minutes in total did it take you to complete this form?

60

Estimate in minutes (i.e. 1 hour = 60 minutes)

Do you have any feedback?

N/A

For example, feedback on the evaluation toolkit if you used it, the process of working with InternetNZ or anything else.

InternetNZ is a membership organisation. Would you be interested in hearing more about becoming a member?

Yes please No thanks I am already a member

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